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1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING RUNDOWN ON REF MEETING FROM MFA'S POLITICAL COORDINATOR UMBERTO LA ROCCA, OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR ME POLITICAL AFFAIRS BARTOLOMEO ATTOLICO, AND OTHER MFA OFFICIALS.

MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS:

2. ALONG LINES REF A, AFTER EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED TO MANDATE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR IN CAIRO AS PRESIDENCY SPOKESMAN TO EXPRESS TO EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES ON JULY 7 OR 8 EC CONCERNS RE RUMORS OF POSSIBLE MOVE TO EXPEL ISRAEL FROM UNGA. EXPRESSION OF CONCERN WAS TO BE WRAPPED IN QUERY FROM CONCERNING CERTAIN REPORTS WHICH, IF TRUE, "WOULD HAMPER EFFICACY OF UN EFFORTS, HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON PEACE EFFORTS GENERALLY AND ON WORLD PUBLIC OPINION," ETC.

3. ISRAEL IS TO BE INFORMED THAT NINE OBVIOUSLY WANT TO DISCOURAGE EXPULSION EFFORT, BUT EC SPOKESMAN WILL ADD THAT (A) SUCH INITIATIVES ARISE FROM LACK OF MOVEMENT TOWARD ME PEACE AND (B) IF MOVE GAINS MOMENTUM, ISRAEL AND ALL HER FRIENDS WILL NOT HAVE THE VOTES TO STOP IT.

4. POLDIR'S DISCUSSED POSSIBLE UPDATED REAFFIRMATION OF EC NOVEMBER 1973 DECLARATION ON ME, AND DECIDED TO SHELF THE IDEA AT LEAST FOR NOW. THE IDEA HAD EARLIER BEEN DISCUSSED IN ME EXPERTS GROUP BUT WITHOUT REFERENCE TO ANY PARTICULAR TIME FRAME. SINCE TIME IS NOT NOW PROPITIOUS, QUESTION IS REMANDED TO EXPERTS WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDY IT FURTHER "IN REGARDS TO ADVISABILITY, CONTENT AND MODALITIES IN LIGHT OF FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS." COMMENT: CONFIDENTIAL

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US VIEWS ON REAFFIRMATION (REF B) WERE "PRESENTED WITH PRECISION" BY CHAIRMAN DUCCI. IN CONTRAST WITH REF A, OUR ITALIAN SOURCES SEEM TO TAKE PAINS NOT TO SAY THAT DECISION TO POSTPONE WAS RESULT OF US DEMARCHE.

5. FINANCIAL AID TO EGYPT WAS DISCUSSED BUT NO AFFIRMATIVE DECISION WAS REACHED. DIFFICULTIES AROSE FROM APPARENT RELUCTANCE

OF MEMBERS TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO FINANCIAL OUTLAY AND IN PROBLEMS WITH THE MODALITIES OF SUCH ASSISTANCE (E.G., HOW TO HANDLE OTHER POOR ARAB CLAIMANTS). USG WILL BE ASKED BY EC FOR CERTAIN RELEVANT INFORMATION PRIOR TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF SUBJECT BY COREPER IN BRUSSELS.

CSCE:

6. WE UNDERSTAND MAJOR POLDIR DECISION ON CSCE HAS ALREADY BEEN SURFACED IN GENEVA, I.E., FOUR POINT EC PROPOSAL AS TO POSSIBLE JULY WINDUP OF PHASE II AND STAGING OF PHASE III. FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION, OUR BRIEFERS POINTED OUT THAT EC PROPOSAL VARIED SIGNIFICANTLY FROM FRENCH. EC PROPOSED COORDINATING COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE ON JULY 15 WHETHER SUFFICIENT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TO WARRANT SETTING JULY 30 PHASE III DATE, WHEREAS FRENCH WANTED TO SET DATE AND CONVENE IN MID-JULY TO SEE IF IT WERE POSSIBLE TO MEET THAT DATE. EC MEMBERS ASSUME DESPITE FINNISH DISCLAIMERS THAT FINNS CAN REPEAT CAN SET UP THE CONFERENCE ON 15 DAYS' NOTICE, ESPECIALLY IF THE USSR LEANS ON THEM. THERE ARE SOME REPORTS THAT FINNS HAVE BEGUN HELSINKI PREPARATIONS ON A CONTINGENCY BASIS.

7. AS TO OTHER PROBLEMS IN WINDING UP CSCE, POLDIRS INSISTED THAT "AS FAR AS FOLLOW-UP OF THE CONFERENCE IS CONCERNED, THE NINE WILL BE GUIDED BY THE CONCERN TO AVOID ALL AUTOMATICITY AND PERIODICITY", A POINT ON WHICH BELGIUM WAS ESPECIALLY INSISTENT. POLDIR'S ALSO "REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF A SATISFACTORY DEFINITION OF RECIPROCITY IN FOREIGN TRADE", FEELING THAT OTHER-WISE THE FREE-MARKET ECONOMIES OF THE WEST WOULD BE DISADVANTAGED VIS-A-VIS THE CENTRALIZED SOVIET SYSTEMS. DIRECTORS FELT THAT MINTOFF WAS NOT LIKELY TO SPIKE THE CONFERENCE, ALTHOUGH HE MIGHT DECIDE TO STAY AWAY. BECAUSE COMMUNITY STATES HAVE CEDED TO THE EC CERTAIN COMPETENCES (E.G., FOREIGN TRADE) TO BE FOUND IN BASKET II, POLDIR'S FELT THAT SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND FOR

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COMMUNITY ITSELF TO BE A SIGNATORY. COREPER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COME UP WITH RECOMMENDATIONS URGENTLY. ONE SOLUTION MIGHT BE TO HAVE ITALIAN REP SIGN BOTH FOR GOI AND FOR EC AS PRESIDENT. THE DIRECTORS CONFESSED THEMSELVES STUMPED ON MAKARIOS VIS-A-VIS THE TURKS. EACH MEMBER RECOGNIZES HIM AS LEGITIMATE HEAD OF STATE; HE CAN HARDLY BE ASKED TO STAY AWAY. BUT IF HE COMES TO THE CONFERENCE, THE GOT IS LIKELY TO STAY HOME.

CYPRUS:

8. DISCUSSIONS SURFACED POLDIRS' CONCERNS THAT UPCOMING 15 AND 20 JULY ANNIVERSARIES COULD HAVE "NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS" ON IN-PROGRESS TALKS. THEY THEREFOR DECIDED THE PRESIDENCY SHOULD MAKE DEMARCHE PRIOR 13 JULY IN ANKARA, ATHENS AND NICOSIA TO THE

FOLLOWING EFFECT: THE NINE

-- ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED TO SUPPORT THE RESUMPTION AND THE SUCCESS OF TALKS IN VIENNA;
-- STRESS THE IMPORTANCE WHICH LAY ON RESUMPTION OF SUCH TALKS, AND IN THE MEANTIME
-- HOPE FIRMLY THAT NOTHING WILL BE DONE TO MAKE NEGOTIATIONS MORE DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY THAT NO UNILATERAL STEP BE TAKEN TO MODIFY THE EXISTING SITUATION.

OTHER:

9. THE POLDIRS CONSIDERED A DRAFT EC DECLARATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS. THE DRAFT TEXT SHOWN REPORTING OFFICER WAS CAST IN GENERAL TERMINOLOGY ALTHOUGH TWO OF ITS SEVEN PARAGRAPHS WERE USEFULLY SPECIFIC IN REGARD TO DEFENSE AND PROMOTION OF RESPECT FOR THE CHARTER, RIGHTS OF MEMBERSTATES, RESPECT FOR RULES OF PROCEDURES, WHICH ENSURE THE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF UN, ETC. TEXT HAS BEEN FORWARDED TO COREPER FOR ELABORATION ON THE ECONOMIC SIDE, INTEGRATED TEXT WILL BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL OF MINISTERS IN BRUSSELS JULY 15, AND PRESUMABLY BY EUROPEAN COUNCIL ON JULY 16 OR 17.

10. LA ROCCA SAID FIRMLY THAT PORTUGAL WAS NOT REP NOT DISCUSSED.
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